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Mansfield Advisory Committee on Persons with Disabilities

Regular Meeting - Tuesday November 24, 2009
2:30 PM - Conference Room B - Audrey P. Beck Building

I. Recording Attendance:

PRESENT: K. Grunwald (staff), W. Gibbs (Chair), J. Blanshard, K.A. Easley (staff), J. Tanner

REGRETS: C. Colon-Semenza, J. Sidney

II. Approval of the Minutes: the minutes of the October 27, 2009 meeting were accepted as written.

III. New Business

“Other”: There was some discussion about the role of the UConn student (Rebecca Arther), but no one has heard from her. K.A. Easley will follow-up via email.

IV. Old Business

- a. Follow-Up on Wright’s Way Resident Concerns: K. Grunwald and J. Blanshard reported on their attendance at the Housing Authority board meeting. K. Grunwald identified that there is a need for services for some residents, and he has talked with United Services about providing some outreach services to residents. There was some discussion regarding the services that are available and how to respond to people with psychiatric disabilities. Questions were also raised as to what the role of this committee is regarding this issue? J. Blanshard raised a question as to whether or not residents could receive services through the Senior Center; possibly social work services. A recommendation was made to offer support to the staff of the Housing Authority to assist them in dealing with difficult residents. K. Grunwald will follow-up with Rebecca re: suggestions that have been made.
- b. Accessible Parking Fines/Signs: K. Grunwald will follow-up with Bill Hammon and J. Tanner will follow-up with Mike Taylor regarding adding signs indicating the amount of the fine (\$150).

- c. Publicity efforts: J. Blanshard contacted Caitlin Dineen from the Chronicle, but she is not interested in pursuing this committee as a story. K.A. Easley will contact Maddie Ward at UConn about writing a story. She also suggested linking the web page to national disability organizations and resources. Send website locations to Kathy Ann for organizations who may be interested in presenting this committee as a resource. There was much discussion about how this could be used to link individuals to resources in a variety of ways, and ensuring that everyone is aware of the resources that are available.
 - d. Status of other accessibility issues previously identified: K. Grunwald reported that the light switch in the Community Center bathroom has been moved.
- V. Adjournment: meeting adjourned at 3:35 PM. Agenda items for the next meeting: follow-up on Wright's Way.

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin Grunwald